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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

March 21, 2008

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's public Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board Room, 1415 L Street, Sacramento, CA. **Please note the meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am.**

At this meeting, staff will present a briefing on the policies to be included in the "Station Area Development" chapter for the Bay Area to Central Valley Program EIR/EIS. The Financing team will be updating the board on the "Request for Expressions of Interest" and will be presenting an overview of a proposed Economic Impact Study. Additionally, staff will be reporting on pending legislation affecting the High-Speed Rail Authority and the proposed high-speed train system.

At the February 6, 2008 meeting, the board approved the investigation of the feasibility of achieving zero emissions for the HST operations. The board approved the proposed Co-Operative Agreement with the French Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning and the Transportation. Construction Attaché from the Embassy of France presented on the French High Speed Train Program. Staff reported on the feasibility study conducted to identify viable alignment alternatives to support a station in the Visalia-Tulare-Hanford area.

For more information on the Authority's accomplishments, visit our website at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento at our Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director